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Fig. 1

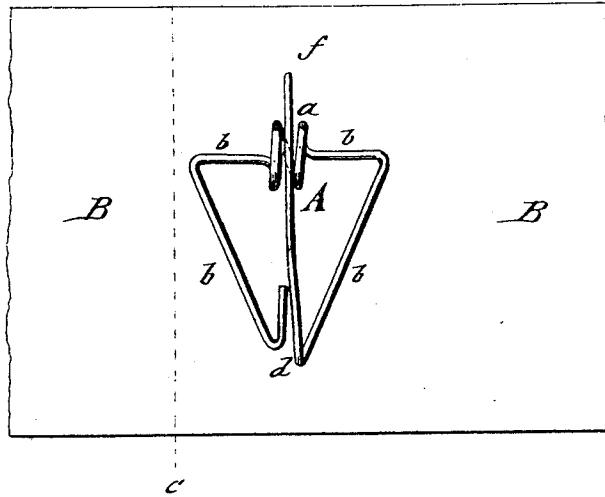


Fig. 2

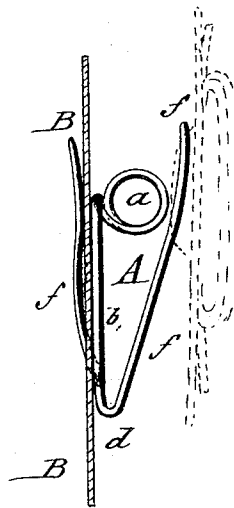


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SAMPLE-FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES MASON, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Sample-Fastener, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a front view of my invention; Fig. 2, a side view of the same, partly in section on line *c c*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3, a series of modifications of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to supply to the trade a device by which goods may be quickly placed on show-cards or boxes, and taken off again, avoiding thereby the inconvenience of the present mode of applying them, and saving time and labor. My invention consists of a wire bent in triangular shape, with ends overlapping each other, and acting like springs, one end being applied to show-cards or boxes, the other to the article to be exhibited.

In the drawing, A represents the sample-fastener, made of suitable wire, and placed on card-paper B. The wire is bent in the form of an equilateral triangle, with its apex turned down and divided into halves by the turned-up extension *f* of the sides *b*. The base *b* of the same may be either in the form of a bridge or twisted into a spring, *a*; or the spring may be applied at the apex of the triangle or left off entirely, the springy action being produced by the two parts of the triangle pressing toward each other, Fig. 3, Diagram 1. The extension of the sides *b* form the pins *f*, the lower one of which is provided with a sharp point to pierce the cards, boxes, or other articles whereon the fastener is intended to be used. The other end pin *f* may be pointed, rounded, bent in the form of an

eye, or other shape, over which the goods are slipped for exhibition. These end pins *f* may also be so arranged that instead of being bent in the same direction one is bent down toward the apex, the other upward to rest on the bridge or spring *b*, which form is applicable in cases where heavier goods, as scarfs, are placed on the pin, exerting a strong downward stress upon it, so that the card-pin may be liable to slip off the card, Fig. 3, Diagram 2. The lower pointed pin *f* may be slightly bent to increase the pressure of the different parts.

In using the fasteners it is only necessary to press the sharp pins *f* through the cards or boxes on which the same are to be used, and they are ready for the reception of the goods, which are slipped between the upper pin and the bridge or spring, securing a firm connection in the most expeditious manner. The bows, ties, or other goods may be arranged by the use of these fasteners in the form of a circle, cross, &c., without removal; or different samples may be placed together to be laid out in the show-windows; or any other variation may be formed, using the same cards and pins, economizing the same, and increasing the facilities of merchants for the perfect exhibition of their goods to the public.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The wire sample-fastener, consisting of spring *a*, base *b*, sides *b'*, and extensions *f*, placed on card-paper B, and applicable as and for the purpose described.

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